

## House Resolution No. 82

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Detective Sergeant Joseph Burgoon, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, who will celebrate his retirement from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department during a retirement party to be held in his honor January 17, 2004, at the James J. Eagan Civic Center in Florissant; and

**Whereas**, during his impressive tenure with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Detective Sergeant Burgoon served in the Mobile Reserve Unit, Third District, Ninth District, Homicide Division, and the South Patrol Detective Bureau; and

**Whereas**, a Deputy Commander on the Department's Major Case Squad, Detective Sergeant Burgoon excelled in his profession and received the Chief's Letter of Commendation fourteen times; and

**Whereas**, the first recipient of the Inaugural Distinguished Service Award from the International Homicide Investigators Association, Detective Sergeant Burgoon rendered his assistance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and multiple jurisdictions within the metropolitan area and across the country when reviewing cold case files; and

**Whereas**, Detective Sergeant Burgoon dutifully served his country in the United States Air Force for four years prior to entering the Police Academy in 1960; and

**Whereas**, Detective Sergeant Burgoon has compiled an enviable list of service to such important organizations as the McBride High School Alumni Association, Aquinas-Mercy High School, St. Christopher's, and Our Lady of Fatima Parish, where he has glorified the Lord as an usher, as president of the Men's Club, and as chairman of the Archdiocese and Development Fund; and

**Whereas**, Detective Sergeant Burgoon has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife of twenty-eight years, Jackie; his seven children, Mary, Beth, Tom, Meg, John, Michael, and Tim; and his four granddaughters, Katie, Lauren, Bridget, and Emily;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Detective Sergeant Burgoon for his forty-three years of unparalleled service to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and to the citizenry of St. Louis, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Detective Sergeant Joseph Burgoon.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Thomas A. Villa  
District No. 108

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 82, adopted January 15, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker